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Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly

Draft report

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Organizational matters

Chapter ___.

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Preparatory Committee held its third session at United Nations Headquarters from 3 to 17 March and _____ 2000. The Preparatory Committee held _____ meetings (1st to _____) and a number of informal meetings.

2. The session was opened by the Chairperson, Roselyn Ruth Asumwa Odera (Kenya).

3. At the 1st meeting, on 3 March, the Deputy-Secretary-General of the United Nations addressed the Preparatory Committee.

4. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat made a statement.

5. Also at the 1st meeting, the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women made an introductory statement.

B. Attendance

6. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/100 of 12 December 1997, the deliberations of the Preparatory Committee were open to the participation of all States Members of the United Nations and to members of the specialized agencies and observers in accordance with the established practice of the Assembly.

7. The following States were represented: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia,

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Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

8. Palestine, an entity maintaining a permanent observer mission at Headquarters was also represented.

9. The following United Nations bodies were represented: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) (UNAIDS), United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Development Fund for Women and World Food Programme.

10. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, World Health Organization, International Monetary Fund, International Fund for Agricultural Development and United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

11. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented by observers: Caribbean Community, Commonwealth Secretariat, International Organization for Migration, International Organization of la Francophonie, Organization of African Unity, Organization of American States and Organization of the Islamic Conference.

12. The International Committee of the Red Cross, an entity invited to participate in the sessions and work of the General Assembly, was also represented by an observer.

13. In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1998/301, non-governmental organizations that either were in consultative status with the Council or had been accredited to the Fourth World Conference on Women also attended the session.

C. Officers

14. The officers of the Preparatory Committee, who were elected at its second session and resumed second session in 1999, remained:

Chairperson:

Roselyn Ruth Asumwa Odera (Kenya)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Asith Bhattacharjee (India)
Patricia Flor (Germany)
Misako Kaji (Japan)
Christine Kapalata (United Republic of Tanzania)
Sonia R. Leonce-Carryl (Saint Lucia)
Mónica Martínez (Ecuador)
Kirsten Mlačak (Canada)
Rasa Ostrauskaite (Lithuania)
Dubravka Šimonović (Croatia)

15. At the 2nd meeting, on 3 March, Mónica Martínez (Ecuador) was designated Vice-Chairperson with rapporteurial responsibilities.

D. Agenda and organization of work

16. At its 1st meeting, on 3 March, the Preparatory Committee adopted its provisional agenda and approved its proposed organization of work as contained in document E/CN.6/2000/PC/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century".

3. Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly.

E. Documentation

17. The Preparatory Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Annotated provisional agenda (E/CN.6/2000/PC/1);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (E/CN.6/2000/PC/2 and corrigenda);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the comparative report on how different categories of projects and programmes of United Nations organizations include women's interests and gender mainstreaming issues and on resources allocated in this regard (E/CN.6/2000/PC/3);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on emerging issues containing additional material for further actions and initiatives for the preparation of the outlook beyond the year 2000 (E/CN.6/2000/PC/4);

(e) Letter dated 1 December 1999 from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (E/CN.6/2000/PC/5);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General on the results of regional meetings held in preparation for the special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.6/2000/PC/6 and Add.1-5);

(g) Letter dated 11 February 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (E/CN.6/2000/PC/7);

(h) Note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda and organizational matters for the special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.6/2000/PC/8);

(i) Note by the Chairperson of the preparatory committee on the establishment of the list of speakers for the debate in plenary of the special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.6/2000/PC/9);

(j) Letter dated 29 February 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Lima Accord and the resolutions adopted by the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean at its eighth session, Lima, 8-10 February 2000 (E/CN.6/2000/PC/10);

(k) Note by the Secretary-General containing a summary of the WomenWatch online working groups on the twelve critical areas of concern of the Beijing Platform for Action (E/CN.6/2000/PC/CRP.1);

(l) Note by the Secretariat containing a summary of the general debate by the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-fourth session on agenda items 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women) and 4 (Comprehensive review and appraisal of the implementation of the Platform for Action (E/CN.6/2000/PC/CRP.2);

(m) Summary submitted by the moderator of the panel discussion, Ms. Dubravka Šimonović (E/CN.6/2000/PC/CRP.3).